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LONDON, Feb. 24-To-day's

development in the Far Eastern war have been many and startling. The attack of the Japanese upon Port Arthur and their daring at-

tempt to blockade the entrance to the harbor in the same way that Hobson tried to bottle up the

Spaniards at Santiago, by sinking

the Merrimac, is reported to have

been even less successful than

According to the official report

given out at St. Petersburg, the battleship Retvizan, which was

badly damaged in the first attack

made by the Japanese torpedo

fleet, on the night of February 8th, has covered herself with glory

in this latest engagement, in which

four Japanese vessels are said to

have been destroyed and two oth-

Attempt Foiled.

cover of darkness. Two mer-

chantmen and a fleet of torpedo

boats tried to enter the harbor

and set fire to some of the Rus-

sian ships and also pick up the

channel mines, so that the larger warships might enter with safety.

This attempt being foiled, they

endeavored to sink the two mer-

chantmen across the harbor en-

trance, but the fire from the Ret-

vizan and the shore batteries de-

feated this purpose and sunk two of the Japanese vessels and com-

The Russian gunboat Mandjun

still remains at Shanghai and

China is between two fires in per-

mitting her to remain. Naval of-

ficers incline to the belief that the

whole affair is a Russian ruse to

engage the attention of part of the

Japanese fleet and lessen resist-

ance elsewhere. It this idea is correct, the ruse has been success-

ful, for three Japanese cruisers

are now waiting outside of the

harbor for the Mandjur to come out. However, it is likely tha gunboat will be permitted to dis-

Chinese Hostility. Reports from China indicate a growing hostility to Russia, which has manifested itself in the or-

ganizing of the bandits to carry, on a guerilla warfare on the west-

ern side of the Liaotung penin-

In upper Manchuria the Chun-

chusese continue their depreda-tions along the Siberian Railroad,

arm and remain in port.

pelled the others to retire.

The attack was made under

ers seriously damaged.

Hobson's attempt.

WITH BIG LOSS

Are Reported to Have Had Four War

Vessels and Two Merchantmen

Sunk at Port Arthur.

REPORTS VERY CONFLICTING.

Attempt Made to Bottle Up Fleet in Harbor of Port

Arthur May or May Not Have Been Successful-Korea's Independence is Guaranteed.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.

VASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Forecast for intellay and Friday; inginin.—Fair and alightly colder ursday; Friday partly cloudy; light to sh north winds.
orth Carolina.—Fair Thursday and Frijght to fresh north winds.

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Saturday as to the lease of the Atlantuc and North Carolina Hairoad—Fire in Woldon destroys store with meeting hair over it—The Atlantuc Coast Lea are already to turn up almost anywhere if there is pare no pains for the capture of meeting itself out.

General.

Stock market haiting and irregular and cousiness is smaller than ever—Another battle fought. Port Arthur and Japan's a large lated to have gotten much the worst of it, reports are somewhat conflicting. but according to the most reliable energy are somewhat conflicting. but according to the most reliable energy received Japs appear to have lost four wessels in addition to two which were laden with stones for the purpose of bottling up the harbority of Port Arthur with the fleet and salied for the east; allegendence of Korea; vecroy Alexfer is enough to the most with the fleet and salied for the cast; allegendence of Korea; vecroy Alexfer is enough to the proposed anti-injunction legislation—Ohio Legislature by accolumntation selects over—Representatives of Employers Associative appears before the congressional committee and by tiery large and the portion of the Representatives of Employers Association are commissioner of the Por land Exponention of Representative (Japanese very Representatives of Employers Association are portion legislation—Ohio Legislature by accolumntation selects of Employers Association are portion and the manufacture of the Portion of the Portion of Employers and the presentative of the Portion of the Portion of Agriculture—Five of those scienced by the President on the Ponama Commissioner of Agriculture—Five of those scienced by the President on the Ponama Commission accept and the other two agreed upon—Terrific explosion of starch mill of sugar refluery at Waukeegan, III.

George Gould Denies

GEORGE GOULD DENIES THAT ROAD WILL BORROW

(By Associated Press.)

DALLAS, TEXAS, Feb. 24,—in a telegram from Fort Worth, George J. Gould, president of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, says; "There is no truth in the story that the Missouri Pacific is soon to be in the market to borrow a large sum of money. We do not contemplate any loan whatever." DALLAS, TEXAS, Feb. 24,-In a

PROBABLY FATAL ROW IN RAILROAD Y. M. C. A.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RLUBFIELD, W. VA., Feb. 2i.—While engaged in a game of "flinch" at the Railroad Y. M. C. A. here last night. William Davidson and L. L. Warvhan became involved in a row over the game, whereupon Davidson drew a knife and stabbed Warshan over the heart, inflicting a wound which may prove fatal.



INNER HARBOR OF PORT ARTHUR.

MRS. TUCKER TRIO FROM IS ASSAILED THE RANKS

Negro Brute Strikes Her in the Face With Fist, Trying to Rob Her.

HIS ARREST FOLLOWS SOON

Lady, Nervous, Identifies, But Nearly Faints at Sight of Him.

Mrs. Landon C. Tucker, of No. 419 North Eighth Street, had a Lorrible ex-Street, between Fifth and Sixth, a short time before & o'clock, she was help up by a negro man, black and repulsive as possible, and her pocket book demanded, bag and the negro grappled with her.

Finding that she still resisted, and that probably she would foll him on account sought to square matters by striking

Hot on the Trail.

persons passing on the street, he

her, landing a brutal blow of great force on her cheek and running away. Mrs. Tucker was able to get to the drug store at the corner of Sixth and Clay Streets, and there told of the attack on

Senate Committee Proposes to Take Oyster Commission From

Outside of Legislature.

HOT FIGHT

Messrs. Watkins, Pilcher and Tyler Suggested-Tidewater Wants Board Fisheries.

Hon. Theo, C. Plicher, of Fauguler. Mr. Henry M. Tyler, of Richmond. These will be the names inserted in the

Jordan oyster bill by the Senate mittee on Fish and Game in lieu of those of Senator Keezell and Delegates Jornated to have charge of the work of leasing out barren and depleted oyster reck, in the event of the passage of the oill, designed to break the Baylor oys

ter survey.
This result was foreshadowed at a This result was foreshadowed at a meeting of the committee held last night, when the measure was partially considered. The names will be put in at a meeting to be held at 8 o'clock to-night, when the question of finally reporting the bill will be disposed of. While the result will be very close, it is rather thought that the bill will be favorably reported from the committee. The meet-Chairman Walker entertnined a motion vey was discussed in many of its phases, and there was a great deal of cross-firing between the Tidewater and upland was discussed in many of its phases,

Both Sides Heard.

Jordan, the patron of the mons present and he and Captain ley were among the Tidewater House members present in opposition.

The amendment, striking out the Legis-

The amendment, striking out the Legislative Committee and substituting the names of three gentlemen from outside the Legislature, was offered by Mr. Keezell, and this was followed immediate; by one from Mr. Gunter, of Accomac, declaring it to be the sense of the committee that this work should be done by the board of fisheries, Mr. Walker, from the chair, had suggested that to take this work from the board of fisheries, would be a reflection upon this honorable body, and Mr. Gunter took the same view in speaking to his substitute.

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THE RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP "RETNIZAN."

Viceroy Alexieff Issues a Proclamation Laying Down the Law to Them.

THREAT OF EXTERMINATION

(By Associated Press.)

YIN KOW, Feb. 21.-Viceroy Alexieff has caused a proclamation to be issued. throughout Manchuria notifying the Chinese that Russia is at war with Japan on account of Japan's treacherous attack

This proclamation is under six headings. The first warns the inhabitants that they must prevent the encroachment of Chinese on Russian territory,

Russian and Chinese interests are declared to be identical, but as China says she wishes to maintain neutrality, therefore all officials in Manchurla, in-stead 4f hindering, must assist the Rus-

sian troops with confidence.
Fourth The railroad and, telegraphs are
left to the protection of the people, who
will be hold responsible in case they are

The fifth heading warns the people not to obey the threats of the chunchus

The fifth heading wan is the people act to obey the threats of the chunchus (bandits) who are the curse of Manchurla, but to assist the troops to exerminate them; if they do not assist in this they also will be treated as rob-Sixth, If the people antagonize the troops, or show them hatred, they will exterminate them without mercy. The government is taking all steps, in any event, to protect its interests.

The proclamation makes an earnest ap-

LS CHINA JAPAN MAKES TREATY; heavy reclamations, indeed involving the seizure of Korea and its annexation for violation of neutrality in the event that Russia triumphs in the present struggle. No details of the new Japanese-Korean

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-Secretary Hay as received information that Japan has she guarantees the independence and in-No details of the new Japanese-Rorean treaty have been announced at the State Department. It is known, however, that Korea, in return, gives Japan extensive military rights, and the officials here regard the negotiation of the treaty as a declaration by Japan of her protectorate over the Hermit kingdom, and a move which has long been expected. It is supposed that Japan is given the right tegrity of Korca.

eleverest of the many startling diplomatic moves that have been made in connec-The effect is to place Japan on a high moral plane, for it is understood here the world that even if she prevails in her struggle with Russia, involving military occupation of Korea, Japan will take no advantage of that fact, but will maintain the independence of the hermit kingdom.

On the other hand, the Russian note, analytic of the violation of Korean neutrality by Japan, is believed here to

peal for the sympathy of the people in the present crisis when it says: "Russia must put her back to the

tations in the matter of right of search and inspection.

The reorganization of the vice-regal number of the reorganization is now going forward, and is expected to take one month. In the meanwhile there is considerable compitation and uncertainty in all international and domestic matters.

FIGHTS DUEL TO

DEATH WITH BEAR
(By Associated Press.)
PORT ANGELES, WASH., Feb. 24.—
The body of Baron Martin Von Schlosser, formerly an officer in the German army, and for many years a resident of this city, has been found on the range south

FIVE ACCEPT ON

is supposed that Japan is given the right

and practically assume control of an Korea's defenses.

This decaration of a protectorate over Korea by Japan, of course, removes Korea from the rank of neutral powers and makes the hermit kingdom as logitimate a, field for military operations, desaflors, operations, desaflors.

HENRY WILLIAMS ADMITS THAT HE WAS ROMANCING

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., Feb. 24.—The negro, Henry Williams, who is under sentence of death for an assault on Mrs. Shields, of Roanoke, made a statement to day in which he admits that he was romancing when he claimed that it was an accomplice that committed the crime. Ho says that he alone is guilty, and that his original confession was the truth.

DO NOT WISH TO

HAVE GROVER SPEAK

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSON, MISS., Feb. 24.—By a vote
of forty-two to thirty-three the lower
house of the Mississippi Legislature defeated a resolution to invite former President Cleveland to address that body.

PREDICTS AN

Japan, England and the United States So Denominated by

INVINCIBLE TRINITY PANAMA COMMISSION

Dr. Blackwell,

Dr. Blackwell.

In a communication to the Rehglous Heraid of this week the Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, of Norfolk, discusses the subject of "War and Peace, God and Destiny," and predicts an invincible trinity composed of Japan and England and the United States that "Ill sweep the world. In the course of his article Dr. Blackwell says:

"The war between Russia and Japan is probably only a match that is to alre the train of world wide events. It does not take the eyes of a prophat to see England, Japan and America drawn together and looming up through the mist of the near future as an invincible trinity. Destiny seems drawing these three nations tigether for Gods work of upiliting the nations. "To-flay England would back Japan alone if she dared. She doubts her power, and looks to us if we answer her call and England, Japan and America combine, they form the invincible trinity before which no other possible combination can stand. This combination means civilization against despotism. The true against the past. England and America are one by blood and speech. Japan is one with these two by the same genius of civilization. The three are united in a commercial interest. There is a divinity in the events that shape them to higher ends, rough levy them how we next."

sula, where the natives are greatly incensed by the treatment accorded them by the Russians. These bands are receiving the active aid of the villagers along the peninsula.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
AMHERST, VA., Feb. 24.—James S.

THREE LIVES LOST AND MILL WRECKED

Terrific Explosion of Starch Mill of Sugar Refinery at Waukeegan, Illinois. (By Associated Press.)

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AMHERST, VA., Feb. 24.—James S.
Eyans, a well known citizen of this county, committed suicide by hanging himself near his home in this county this morning. This morning about 4 o'clock Mr. Evans, who lives near New Glasgow depot, in this county, left his home in the county has been a from the limb of a tree in the woods near the house. The theory is that he climbed up the tree, tied one end of the climbed up the iree, tied one end of the climbed up the iree, tied one end of the rope to the limb, adjusted the other end around his neck, and jumped. Ho was dead when found, Mr. Evans was quite well known throughout the entire county of the war between the States. For many years he ram a blacksmith shop on Plny if River, near Lovesylle, in this county, form which place he had but recently moved.

He is supposed to have been crazy, it has been noticed for some time past that he screek questly.

DICK IS NAMED TO SUCCEED HANNA

Nominated by Republican Caucus for Both Unexpired and

Regular Terms. (By Associated Press.)

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Feb. 21.-General Charles Dick was nominated by acclamation for both the unexpired and regular terms for United States senator, to succeed the late Schator Hanna, at the caucus of the Republican members of the Legislature this evening. The name of General Dick was the only one pre-

As the Republicans have a large majority in both branches, General Dick's election is assured, and the balloting on March 1st will be only a formality. The caucus was decided upon to-day, it

being the opinion of members of the Legislature, concurred in by General Dick, that masmuch as the election was to fill a vacancy, the caucus should not be dispensed with, even though more than enough votes to elect had been yledged.

Alfred Noble Declines and It Is Understood Remaining Two Have Been Selected,

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-President Roosevelt has received definite accept-

ance from five of his appointees on the ew Isthmian Canal Commission, Those who have accepted are Rear Admiral John G. Walker, United States navy, redired; General George W. Davis, United States army retired; Colonel Frank Hecker, of Detroit, director of transportation during the Spanish-American war; William Barclay Parsons, engineer of the New York subway, and William H. Burr, professor of engineering at Columbia University, of New York, and one time a member of the Walker Isthmian Canal Commission.

It is quite likely, although it has not been determined absolutely yet, that the other two members of the commission will be Benjamin M. Harrod, of New Orleans, an engineer of the Mississippi River Commission, and C. Eweld Grunsky, of Sau Francisco, a distinguished hydraulic engineer. Alfreq Noble, engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has geclined definitely. John G. Walker, United States navy, re-